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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended December 19, 1903.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of December 21:

Buildings reinspected.....	231
Rooms.....	1,818
Persons inspected.....	2,098
Sick inspected.....	31
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	11
Dead examined.....	6
Necropsies.....	2
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	53
Number showing pest infection.....	None
Places lined and disinfected.....	996
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed.....	12
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances.....	12
Plumbing nuisances abated.....	7
Undergoing abatement.....	8
Total number of plumbing inspections.....	95

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

The following telegrams have been received from Assistant Surgeon Frick, at Laredo, Tex.:

DECEMBER 15, 1903.

Would respectfully recommend and request authority to discontinue the special inspection and oiling of water containers, as being no longer necessary at this time. With this arrangement can reduce expenses about \$7 per day. Request authority to purchase 500 pounds of insect powder and 1 barrel wood alcohol. Hamilton says he will require about 6 pounds insect powder and half a gallon of alcohol daily in disinfecting Pullmans. [Authority was given as requested.]

DECEMBER 16, 1903.

New Laredo, Minera, and Cannel report nothing. Fumigated 45 houses, containing 204 rooms; 578 containers, 25 wells, 5 tanks, and 39 premises oiled, and 257 premises inspected. Temperature, 55° and 36°.

DECEMBER 17, 1903.

Doctor Moore states Cannel has had 4 cases since September 1, last case occurring four days ago. No report from Minera. New Laredo